GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WIDENING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work of widening of National Highways (NHs) from Meerut - Khatoli -Muzzaffarnagar-Rourkee-Dehradun and Meerut to Bijnore-Najibabad-Kotdawar-Podi is going on at very slow pace;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government to expedite the work;

(d) whether the Government propose to construct said NHs into four lane; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said works are likely to be started ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL(RETD.) BC KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) Meerut - Khatauli - Muzaffarnagar - Roorkee - Hardwar - Dehradunhighway is part of National Highway Nos. 58 and 72. Presently this is having a 2 lane carriageway. Widening of the carriageway including paved shoulder sanctioned in a length of 16 km. at a cost of Rs.7.80 crore is generally in good progress. Meerut - Bijnore - Najibabad - Kotdwar - Pauri is a State Highway.Widening and improvement of the section from Meerut to Najibabad has been undertaken by the State Government under World Bank loan assistance. The contract for this project has been awarded in April, 2002 and the work has started. The section Najibabad - Kotdwar in Uttar Pradesh and Kotdwar - Pauri in Uttaranchalhave been approved by Central Government under Inter-State Connectivity scheme of Central Road Fund in July 2002 and February 2002 respectively.The work on these sections is yet to start. State Governments have been requested to start the work urgently.

(d) & (e) Prequalification of entrepreneurs for carrying out the work of four - laning of Meerut- Muzaffarnagar section of NH 58 under Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis has been undertaken. It is too early to indicate the likely date of start of the work.